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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) THIRD SESSION

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EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE WFC, THE US IS PLANNING TO DESIGNATE AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BOB BERGLAND AS ITS DELEGATE TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. AT THE SAME TIME, THE US IS PREPARED TO ATTEND THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS, BRINGING SUGGESTIONS WHICH MAY HELP TO FACILITATE MINISTERIAL DELIBERATIONS AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FOCUSED ON SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF WIDESPREAD CONCERN. THE US IS HOPEFUL THAT OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL COME IN A LIKE SPIRIT, BOTH IN THE FORMULATION OF THEIR APPROACH TO THE MEETINGS AND IN THE SELECTION OF THEIR DELEGATIONS.

3. THE UNITED STATES SHARES WITH OTHERS THE BELIEF THAT THE PROBLEM OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION SHOULD BE THE CENTRAL CONCERN OF THE COUNCIL. THERE WOULD BE NO MORE FITTING WAY TO UNDERLINE THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS CONCERN THAN BY ADOPTING HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AS THE UNIFYING THEME OF THE THIRD SESSION. FOCUSING WFC DISCUS-

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5. FOR BELGRADE, BUENOS AIRES AND JAKARTA. IN VIEW OF

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